

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.4 – Assistance for transition through and from school

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Senator Harradine provided in writing.

Question:

Would the Department also make enquiries as to how many Australian schools offer support to pregnant or parenting students and the nature of that support. Please provide details on which schools provide such support and how many students are in these programs.

Answer:

Pregnant and Parenting Students

The Department of Education, Science and Training does not have information on how many Australian schools offer support to pregnant or parenting students and the nature of that support. State and Territory government and non-government education jurisdictions have responsibility for developing and implementing policies and practices concerning pregnant and parenting students and in many instances, this would occur at the individual school level. There is no requirement that this information be reported to the Department.